

scripture is 2 Corinthians 5:7, which reads "For we walk by faith, not by sight." And the Lady Hornets affirmed their faith by painting the numbers 5 and 7 on their faces.

This recognition of their accomplishment is extended to all of the athletic staff, including Coach Jimmy Eby, and Assistant Coaches Wes Capps, Tanner Hines and Amanda Malone, as well as Hudson High School Principal John Courtney and Superintendent Mary Ann Whiteker.

The team members responsible for bringing the second championship title home to Hudson included Freshmen Alyssa Pierce, Katelyn Hanks, and Cortny Luna; Sophomores Madison Jeffrey, Bryli Lee, Maria Mireles, and Adriana Mosley; Juniors Kaylee "KK" Parker, Ashley Davis, and Madison Selman; and Seniors Cassidy Brasuell, Alyssa Dotson, Kelsey Selman, and Haley Willson.

The Hudson Independent School District staff and the community of Hudson have devoted countless hours to support and encourage these young ladies in the pursuit of their dream.

It is my most esteemed honor to congratulate everyone involved with this endeavor. May God continue to bless these young women, their families and friends, and all those individuals who call Hudson home.

Congratulations to the 2013 State Champion Hudson Lady Hornets, as their back to back championship legacy is now recorded in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that will endure as long as there is a United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2013

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, due to a death in the family I was unable to cast the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows: rollcall vote 458—I would have voted "yes," rollcall vote 459—I would have voted "yes," rollcall vote 460—I would have voted "yes," rollcall vote 461—I would have voted "yes," rollcall vote 462—I would have voted "yes," rollcall vote 463—I would have voted "yes," rollcall vote 464—I would have voted "yes," rollcall vote 465—I would have voted "yes."

I would have voted in favor of H.R. 2775 because I believe there needs to be protocols in place to verify eligibility of taxpayer funded benefits. Without these practical verifications in place there will be billions of dollars in fraud that will go undetected. We need to do everything we can to protect the hard earned dollars of the taxpayers and that's why I support this commonsense piece of legislation.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF REP. DEMETRIUS NEWTON

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2013

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the life and legacy of Alabama State Representa-

tive and Civil Rights Attorney Demetrius Newton, a beloved Alabamian remembered for his remarkable display of leadership and civil rights activism.

Rep. Newton passed away on Wednesday, September 11 at the age of 85. While I am deeply saddened by his passing I am comforted in knowing that his legacy is one that will live on through his contributions to the Civil Rights Movement and the State of Alabama.

Rep. Newton was born on March 15, 1928 in Fairfield, Alabama. In 1949, he received a degree from Wilberforce University in Wilberforce, Ohio. Rep. Newton received a law degree from Boston University in 1952. But while Rep. Newton understood the power of education, he is most remembered for his lifelong commitment to justice and Civil Rights.

Upon receiving his law degree from Boston University in 1952, Rep. Newton served in the United States Army. Following his time in the military, he returned to Birmingham, Alabama where he fought segregationist laws in courtrooms across the state as a private practice attorney.

In 1986, Rep. Newton was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives, representing District 53, Jefferson County. He held this position for 27 years until his death. From 1998 to 2010, Rep. Newton served as Alabama's first black speaker pro tempore. Rep. Newton worked as a judge for the city of Brownville, Alabama from 1972–1978 and served as Birmingham's City Attorney from 1991–1999. He was also a law professor at Miles College.

Rep. Newton paved the way for many black lawyers and elected officials across the State of Alabama. As an attorney, he played an instrumental role in the Civil Rights Movement representing icons such as Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr. As a black attorney in segregated Alabama, Rep. Newton faced many struggles fighting court battles before all white judges and juries. He courageously dedicated his career to strengthening the rights for blacks in Alabama's courtrooms at a time when it wasn't safe to do so.

Rep. Newton was instrumental in fighting for the inclusion of blacks on juries in Bessemer, Birmingham and Etowah County. On behalf of his friend Dr. Martin Luther King, Rep. Newton was involved in a legal battle for the rights of those who marched in the 1965 Selma to Montgomery marches.

Rep. Newton filed many lawsuits throughout his career challenging segregation in public places, specifically interstate and intrastate travel. Rep. Newton is responsible for filing the first fair employment case, *McKinstry v. U.S. Steel*, under Title VII of the 1964 Voring Rights Act.

Until his death, Rep. Newton took his role as an Alabama state legislator very seriously. He was an outspoken opponent of the 1901 Alabama Constitution. Throughout his legislative career, he introduced legislation calling for a constitutional convention to rewrite the outdated document. Rep. Newton remained committed to his cause and continued to introduce amendments to the legislation throughout his legislative career.

As a veteran of the Alabama State House of Representatives, Rep. Newton gained the respect of his colleagues from both sides of the aisle. When the Republicans gained control of the State Legislature in 2010, they reserved

his seat on the front row although it is traditionally reserved for the majority's leadership. His Republican colleagues have noted that when Rep. Newton walked to the podium to speak, members from both parties would pause their otherwise uninterrupted conversations and direct their attention to the podium. His presence and his legacy demanded respect.

Rep. Newton has been described by his colleagues in the legislature as a fine gentleman, a true statesman, and a scholar who was "always prepared and always articulate."

His instrumental role in the Civil Rights Movement and his 27 years of service in the Alabama Legislature has made an indelible mark on the State of Alabama. Today we honor him for his role in the story of Alabama. As the first black woman elected to congress from Alabama I am humbled to stand before the nation and share his story of strength, compassion and courage.

Saying thank you to Rep. Newton seems woefully inadequate. But, we are truly grateful for the life of this extraordinary public servant. On behalf of the 7th Congressional District, the State of Alabama and this nation, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Rep. Demetrius Newton.

PROVIDING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL ENVOY

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I am an original co-sponsor of this legislation and look forward to its passage by the House.

One of the most important services our State Department Special Envoys perform is to help highlight the concern of the American people for specific, often troubling, developments beyond our shores. Such is the case and the need where issues of the persecution of religious minorities are concerned.

During my tenure in Congress, I have heard from many of my constituents on the scope and brutality of state-sponsored or state-sanctioned persecution of religious minorities. Whether it has been Coptic Christians in Egypt, Baha'i in Iran, Falun Gong in China, or Muslims in Burma, the story is always the same: a violent element of the majority religion—or in China and Iran, the state itself—commits the most horrific acts of violence against religious minorities in their midst, including the destruction of the sacred places of those religious minorities. Our government must do more to help combat this insidious evil, and one mechanism for doing so is creating and properly funding this position.

As a nation founded by religious minorities seeking a safe haven in a new land, we have both a history and an obligation to do all in our power to protect the rights and the lives of religious minorities around the world. Creating the position of Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia is one important step in making good on that commitment. I urge my colleagues to join me in voting for this bill.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF
JERRY DENNIS, PRESIDENT,
SEIU LOCAL 200UNITED

HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2013

Mr. MAFFEI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the career of Jerry Dennis, who has retired from the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 200United after 37 years of dedicated service.

Jerry lives in Central New York and has tirelessly committed his career to strengthening our middle class and the local economy. He has many achievements to be proud of and deserves our commendation and public recognition for everything he has done for our community.

Jerry started out as a servicing representative for SEIU Local 200 in 1978. He quickly moved up the ranks and was elected president of Local 200 in 1986, after the statewide Local was restructured into four regional entities. Soon after, Jerry turned his focus to organizing new members through the challenging union-busting times of the 1980's and 1990's. Moreover, Jerry helped grow membership by more than 1,000 people in just over a decade.

When SEIU announced that it was working to build industry-focused locals on a state wide basis in 2000, Jerry led the charge in Central New York. With the backing of all five member unions, Local 200United was chartered in 2001, with Jerry as President.

Jerry was elected to the Board of Auditors at the SEIU convention in 2004. Highly regarded in the labor community for his expertise and longstanding record of accomplishments, Jerry was elected to the SEIU Executive Board on June 4th, 2008. In May 2013, Jerry stepped down as president of SEIU Local 200 United. He continues to be involved as a Trustee on the SEIU Local200 Executive Board.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Jerry Dennis for his outstanding record of union and civic leadership and extend our sincere best wishes for a rewarding and gratifying retirement.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL ALFRED RASCON

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2013

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Lieutenant Colonel Alfred Rascon for over 40 years of dedicated service to the people of this country. Over those years, Lt. Col. Rascon has displayed unparalleled heroism, courage, and dedication to his duties which will serve as an inspiration to servicemen and the American people for years to come. We pay tribute to Lt. Col. Rascon's service as we celebrate him and the other Medal of Honor recipients that are part of today's special order.

Lt. Col. Rascon was born in Chihuahua, Mexico in 1942. His family soon emigrated to Oxnard, California, where the lieutenant colonel graduated from high school and fulfilled his

childhood dream of joining the United States Army. After completing specialist medical and airborne training, Lt. Col. Rascon was eventually deployed to Vietnam.

As a medic, Lt. Col. Rascon assisted countless injured soldiers on the battlefield, but one event in particular exemplifies the remarkable courage he displayed that made him the quintessential Medal of Honor recipient. On March 16, 1966, Lt. Col. Rascon's platoon came under intense fire from an enemy force near the Long Khanh Province. Lt. Col. Rascon crawled under heavy machine gun fire and avoided grenade explosions in order to treat his fellow soldiers, shielding their bodies with his own and suffering grievous injuries from the shrapnel and gunfire that filled the air. After the fighting ceased, he ignored his own wounds, and instead treated the wounded and directed their evacuation.

Lt. Col. Rascon's selfless acts of heroism are remarkable, yet what makes them even more extraordinary is that he only became a United States citizen after he left Vietnam. Lt. Col. Rascon displayed such unparalleled patriotism for our country even before he could officially call it his own.

Lt. Col. Rascon now lives in Maryland's third congressional district and we are proud to call him one of our own. He has continued to serve his country proudly. He returned to Vietnam, then served as a military liaison to Panama and finally completed his service in the Army Medical Service Corps in both Iraq and Afghanistan. Lt. Col. Rascon's heroism and dedication to the United States are an inspiration and are extraordinary reminders of the sacrifices our servicemen and women make for our country every day. I extend him my deepest gratitude for his years of service, and congratulate him once again for his well-deserved Medal of Honor.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JULIUS L. CHAMBERS

HON. MELVIN L. WATT

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2013

Mr. WATT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Julius L. Chambers, an extraordinary American, civil rights leader and my friend and mentor, who died on August 2, 2013.

Julius Chambers committed his professional and personal life to improving the lives of others by working tirelessly for civil rights, social justice and human rights. After overcoming substantial odds and graduating number one in his class from the University of North Carolina School of Law, Julius founded the first integrated law firm in North Carolina in 1964. I was fortunate to have had Julius as a source of inspiration and advice throughout my undergraduate and law school years and I was privileged to join his law firm in 1971. Under his leadership, the firm did as much to influence evolving civil rights law as any private law firm in the United States. Julius litigated a number of landmark civil rights cases, including *Swann v. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education* which resulted in the desegregation of Charlotte-Mecklenburg County public schools.

In 1984 Julius left his law firm to become Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense

Fund (LDF) in New York. Under his leadership, the LDF continued to be the leading civil rights organization engaged in defending against legal assaults on civil and constitutional rights.

In 1993 Julius Chambers became the Chancellor of North Carolina Central University, his undergraduate alma mater, where he provided exceptional leadership and continued to be a role model and to have an important influence on young people. Even as he did so, he also continued to make significant legal contributions in the area of civil rights as one of three lawyers who argued the *Shaw v. Hunt* case before the Supreme Court in December 1995. In *Shaw v. Hunt* and a subsequent case, the Supreme Court ultimately upheld the constitutionality of North Carolina's 1st Congressional District and North Carolina's 12th Congressional District, the district I am honored to represent. In fact, during his career Julius Chambers argued a total of nine cases in the United States Supreme Court and won all of them, a record that probably has never been matched.

Mr. Speaker, not only was Julius an outstanding citizen and lawyer, he was also a devoted husband to Vivian Chambers, to whom he was married for 52 years before she predeceased him in June 2012, and he was a loving father to Derrick and Judy.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring and remembering the life of Julius Chambers and celebrating the far-reaching influence of his life. Julius' example and the lasting legacy of his incredible work will continue to inspire me and countless others to continue working to advance us toward a fairer and more just society.

CONGRATULATING MANUEL MUÑOZ

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2013

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Manuel Muñoz, an activist and entrepreneur, whose leadership and dedication to his community have played a vital role in ensuring that the residents of Ventura County be informed and engaged on issues of local, national and international importance.

On September 15, 1983, Manuel founded VIDA Newspaper—the only bilingual newspaper in Ventura County. This publication reaches thousands of bilingual individuals in the county, safeguarding and continuously maintaining the right of members of our community to have access to critical news and information. Since its founding, Manuel has served as Publisher and Director of VIDA Newspaper.

Manuel has played a vital role in not only the founding of this publication, but the successful manner in which it has thrived. While journalism and publishing can be a difficult industry and at times an unpredictable one, VIDA Newspaper continues to grow under Manuel's leadership.

Manuel's editorial leadership and proficiency in journalism have been recognized on both a local and national level. Manuel has been the recipient of several resolutions and commendations from the Mexican Government,